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SUBJECT: FONMIN PAK'S MEETING WITH HABIB

1. ROKG FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB SEPTEMBER 17.

2. DISCUSSION, WHICH DEALT MAINLY WITH TACTICS FOR HANDLING
KOREA QUESTION AT UNGA, ALSO COVERED OUTCOME OF AUGUST 18
INCIDENT AND ROKG REACTION TO FRASER RESOLUTION ON
MYONGDONG TRIALS. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ROK AMBASSADOR
HAHM, UN AMBASSADOR MUN TOK-CHU, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HUMMEL AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT.

3. UNGA TACTICS: HABIB NOTED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE
THAT KOREAN PRESS HAD ERRONEOUSLY QUOTED FONMIN AS
PUBLICLY FAVORING DEFERMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION. INCIDENT
UNDERScoreD NEED FOR GIVING IMPRESSION THAT DEFERMENT
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IDEA BEING BROACHED BY OTHER COUNTRIES WHILE U.S. AND ROK

CONTINUE TO PUSH VIGOROUSLY FOR SUCCESS ON FORTHCOMING VOTE ON ISSUE. HABIB OBSERVED THAT WE HAD HAD SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE NORTH KOREANS THEMSELVES MIGHT BE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR A CONFRONTATION THAN BEFORE. OUR VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES

FOR DEFERMENT AND AT SAME TIME CONTINUE TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO SECURE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF A VOTE. FONMIN SAID THAT THIS WAS ALSO THE ROKG POSITION.

4. HABIB NOTED THAT THE CORE GROUP IN ITS SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING HAD BEEN RECEPTIVE TO IDEA THAT CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AMERASINGHE BE APPROACHED WITH SUGGESTION THAT THE INSCRIPTION OF KOREA ITEM BE DEFERRED. CONCEIVABLY, AMERASINGHE OR OTHERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET COMMITMENT FROM NORTH KOREAN SUPPORTERS THAT KOREA QUESTION WOULD NOT BE INSCRIBED LATER IN THE UNGA SESSION; EVEN WITHOUT COMMITMENT, HOWEVER, A MOVE BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO DEFER THE ISSUE COULD WORK TO OUR FAVOR AS LONG AS IT UNDERSTOOD OBJECTIVE IS DEFERMENT OF ANY DEBATE THIS YEAR AND OUR BASIC POSITION IS NOT WEAKENED.

5. AMBASSADOR MUN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. INTERESTED IN VARIANT OF DEFERRAL STRATEGY INVOLVING INSCRIPTION OF KOREAN QUESTION ON AGENDA BUT NOT ASSIGNING IT TO A COMMITTEE. FONMIN PAK, HABIB AND TOUSSAINT INDICATED THERE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH SUCH AN APPROACH.

6. FONMIN NOTED HE HAD APPOINTMENT SEPTEMBER 17 WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. HABIB SAID WALDHEIM MIGHT BE HELPFUL ON DEFERMENT ISSUE, ALTHOUGH HE MUST NOT BE GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT ROKG SEEKING THIS.

7. AUGUST 18 INCIDENT: HABIB SAID WE ARE WELL SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF OUR JOINT RESPONSE TO AUGUST 18 INCIDENT. WE DEMONSTRATED TO NORTH KOREANS AND OTHERS THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMITMENT AND OUR ABILITY TO BACK IT UP WITH FORCE. HABIB ASKED WHETHER THE ROKG HAD ANY EXPLANATION FOR KIM IL SONG'S UNPRECEDENTED EX-SECRET

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PRESSION OF REGRET. FONMIN SAID ROKG DID NOT VIEW KIM'S MESSAGE AS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT, SINCE HE HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGED NORTH KOREAN GUILT. HABIB REPLIED THAT IN NORTH KOREAN TERMS, KIM'S MESSAGE HAD BEEN TANTAMOUNT TO SUCH AN ADMISSION AND THAT IT HAD BEEN SO INTERPRETED BY OBSERVERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FURTHER, INCIDENT AND INEPT NORTH KOREAN PERFORMANCE AT COLOMBO HAD IMPROVED US/ROK UN POSITION

IN NEW YORK.

8. FRASER RESOLUTION: FONMIN REITERATED STRONG ROKG DISSATISFACTION WITH FRASER RESOLUTION, POINTING OUT THAT IF IT PASSED THE HOUSE, PRESIDENT PARK HAS MADE

CLEAR HE WOULD REACT STRONGLY. HABIB SAID THAT ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION THE RESOLUTION HAD NOT YET BEEN THROUGH THE RULES COMMITTEE AND THAT PROCEDURALLY IT WAS NOT CERTAIN WHEN OR IF THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE PUT TO A VOTE. AS PARK KNEW, WE WERE OPPOSED TO THE RESOLUTION.

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